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1. A new airfield was under construction on a plateau near Vorkuta (67°30'N/  
64°00'E), Komi A.S.S.R., about 1,500 to 2,000 meters from the  
coal mine known as Capital Mine, and about 1,500 meters from [REDACTED]  
plant in Vorkuta. # From the number of laborers employed and  
voys observed [REDACTED] grading was being done at the field.  
There were no installations except for three large tents seen from a distance.  
The field was occupied by about four biplanes which were probably used for  
courier and weather flights.
2. A civilian airfield was about 1.5 km from the Vorkuta main railroad stop,  
(there was no railroad station building) and about 1.5 km from the Camp No 223/62. #  
From the observation that the ground was marshy and the aircraft always took  
off from and landed on the same strip of the landing field [REDACTED] 25X1X  
that there was a hard surface runway. Up to 15 twin-engine Douglas planes  
took off from and landed at the field daily. A four-engine transport with  
single rudder assembly was occasionally seen making intermediate landings at  
the field.
3. An airfield, about 1,000 meters square, was on the western perimeter of  
Vorkuta. There was a wooden runway about 700 meters long which had the width  
of a regular highway. A wooden flight control building with a wind sock and  
five tents for aircraft were seen at the field. No construction or expansion  
was under way.
4. The field was occupied by an average of four to five biplanes, two Douglas  
[REDACTED] of the PS 81 type, and one three-engine transport [REDACTED]

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for weather reconnaissance, passenger and mail service. Courier planes flew regularly in all types of weather. The biplanes flew daily even at a temperature of 45 degrees below zero. There was a small force of personnel, apparently military.

6. The airfield, about 1 x 2 km, was located on the northeastern perimeter of Vorkuta. Transport aircraft flying the Moscow-Leningrad line landed at the field twice a week. About four to six biplanes were also stationed at the field. They were used for pursuing convicts who had escaped. \*\*

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\* [ ] Comment. For location of airfields, see Annex. The existence of an airfield near Vorkuta is known from international air traffic guides. According to an air traffic guide of 1949, the airfield is the terminal of an air line beginning in Arkhangelsk.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. The data of [ ] refer to the civilian airfield. The different statements as to the location of the field with respect to Vorkuta can be explained by the fact that Vorkuta has no proper town center but consists of a number of individual houses widely dispersed, according to economic reports.

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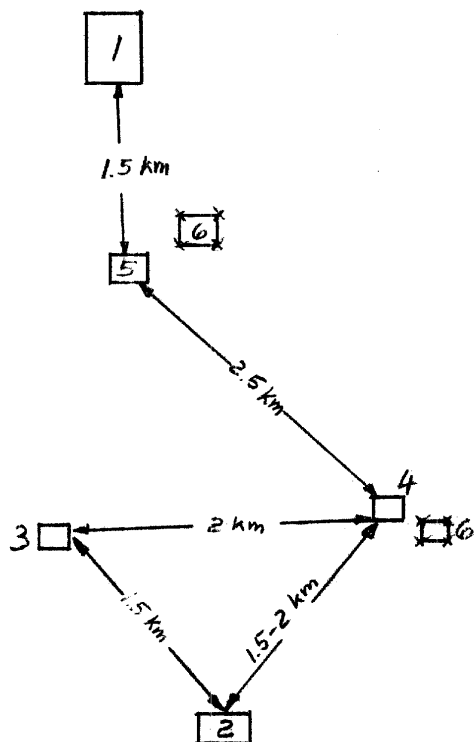
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SECRET CONTROL - [REDACTED]

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for weather reconnaissance

service, courier, etc.



true north unknown

not to scale

Legend:

- 1. Civilian airfield
- 2. Airfield under construction
- 3. [REDACTED] plant
- 4. Capital Mine
- 5. Railroad stop
- 6. Forced Labor Camps Nos 223/1 and 223/62

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